

# Southern Sierra Integrated Regional Water Management Update

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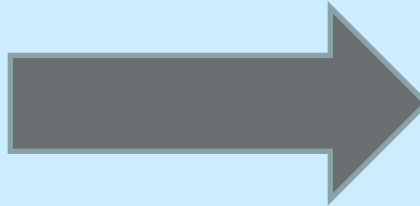
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# Inclusive, Expanded RWMG

## – RWMG

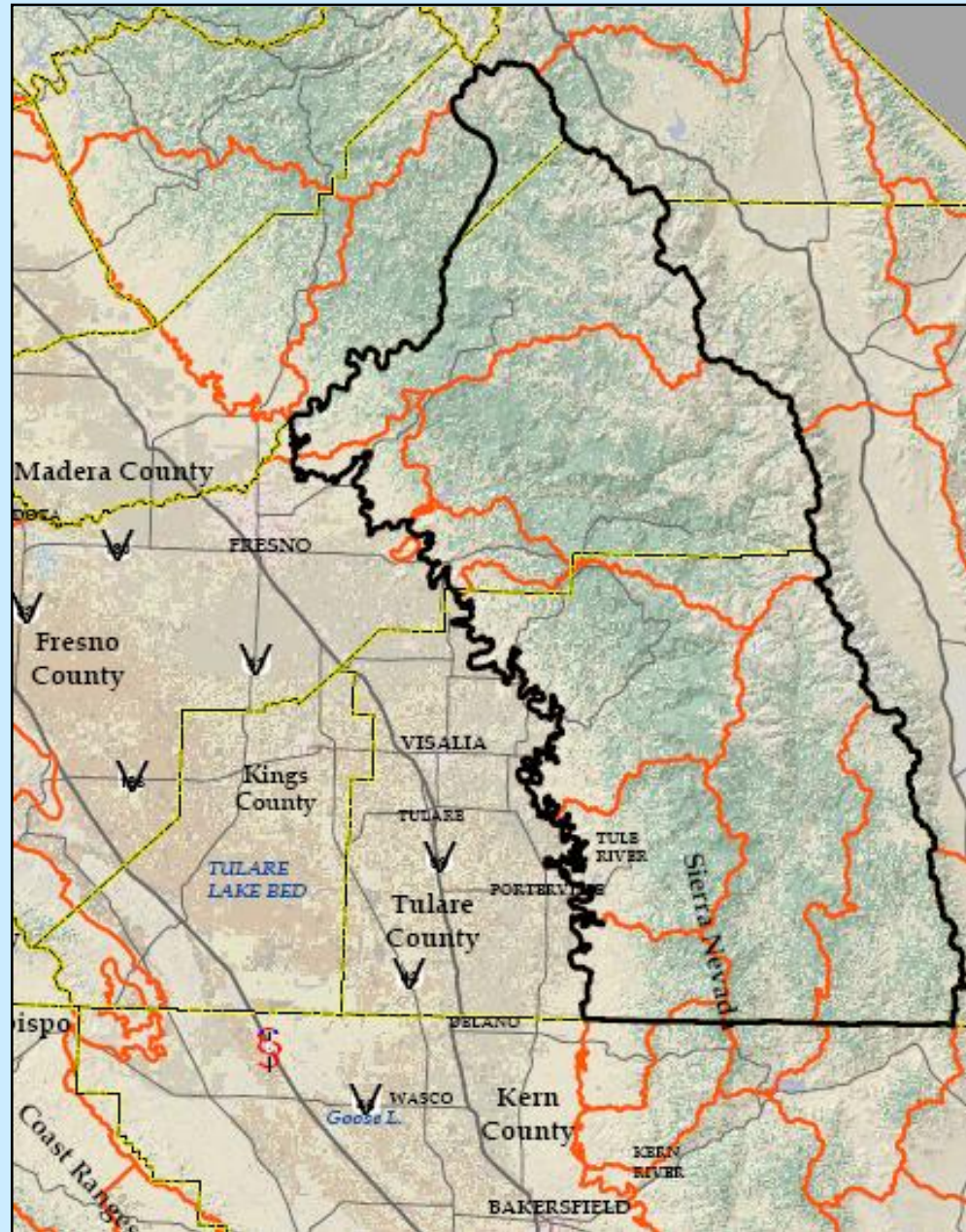
- Sierra RCD
- Sequoia Riverlands Trust
- Springville Public Utilities District



- Southern Sierra Planning and Implementation Committee
  - Tulare County RCD
  - Tulare County
  - Fresno County
  - Landowners
  - Local tribes
  - Sierra RCD
  - Springville PUD
  - Three Rivers CSD
  - Shaver CSD
  - Friends of the Kings River
  - National Park Service
  - Sequoia National Forest
  - Sierra National Forest
  - Inyo National Forest
  - California Department of Fish and Game
  - Ditch companies and mutual water associations
  - Sierra Club
  - California Audubon
  - NRCS



# Southern Sierra IRWMP Boundaries



# SSIRWMP Boundaries and Cooperating neighbors

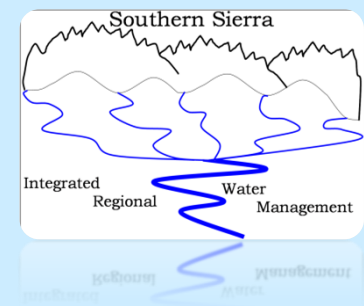
- Madera County
- Upper Kings River Forum
- Kaweah Delta
- Tule River
- Poso Creek
- Kern County
- Inyo-Mono





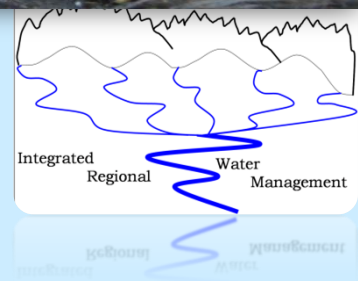
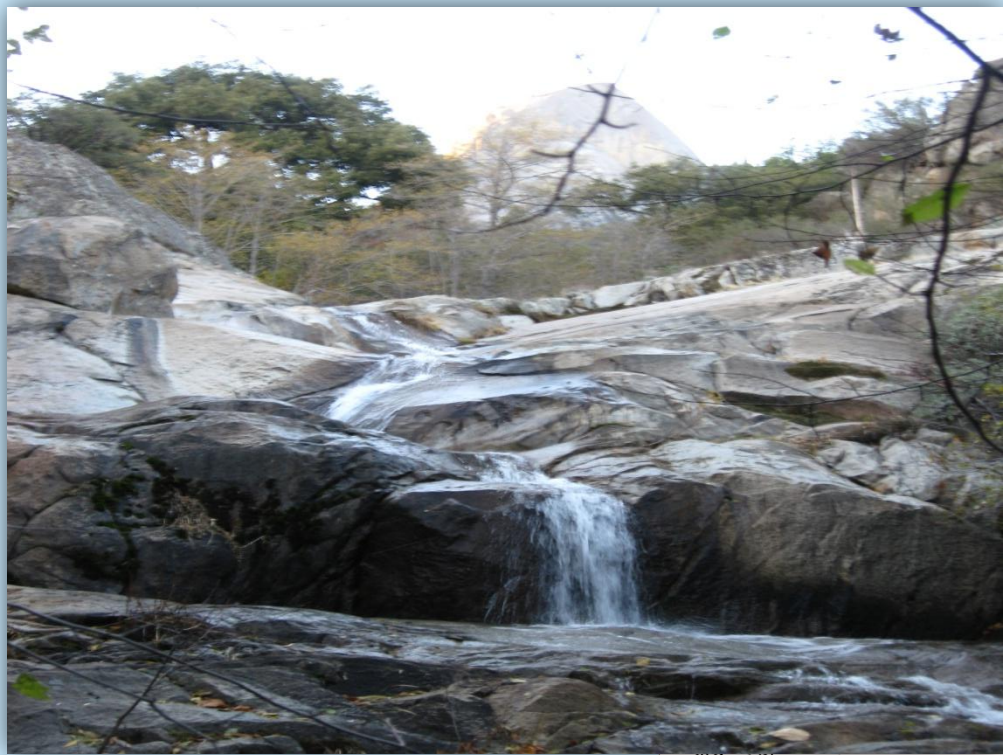
# Regional Priorities

- Water supply for DACs
  - Small ditch companies
  - Small purveyors and districts
- Watershed capacity
  - Surface water
  - Groundwater
- Natural infrastructure
  - Meadow restoration



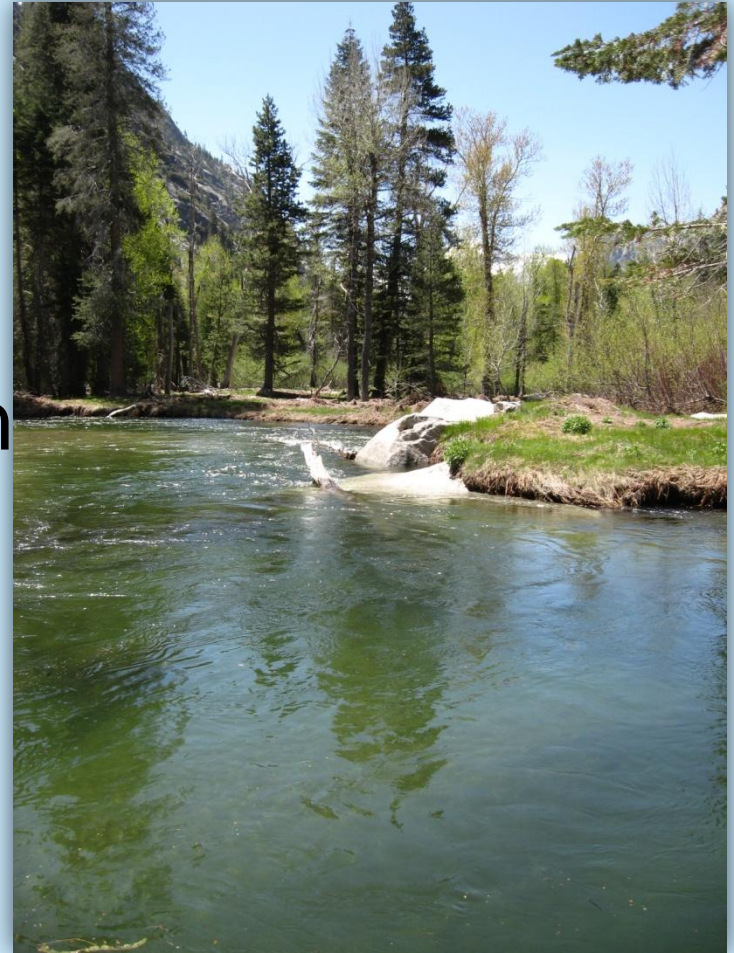
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- Water quality, impaired waterways, recreation impacts
- Catastrophic fire
- Floods and flood prone areas
- Land use and water quality and quantity



# Accomplishments

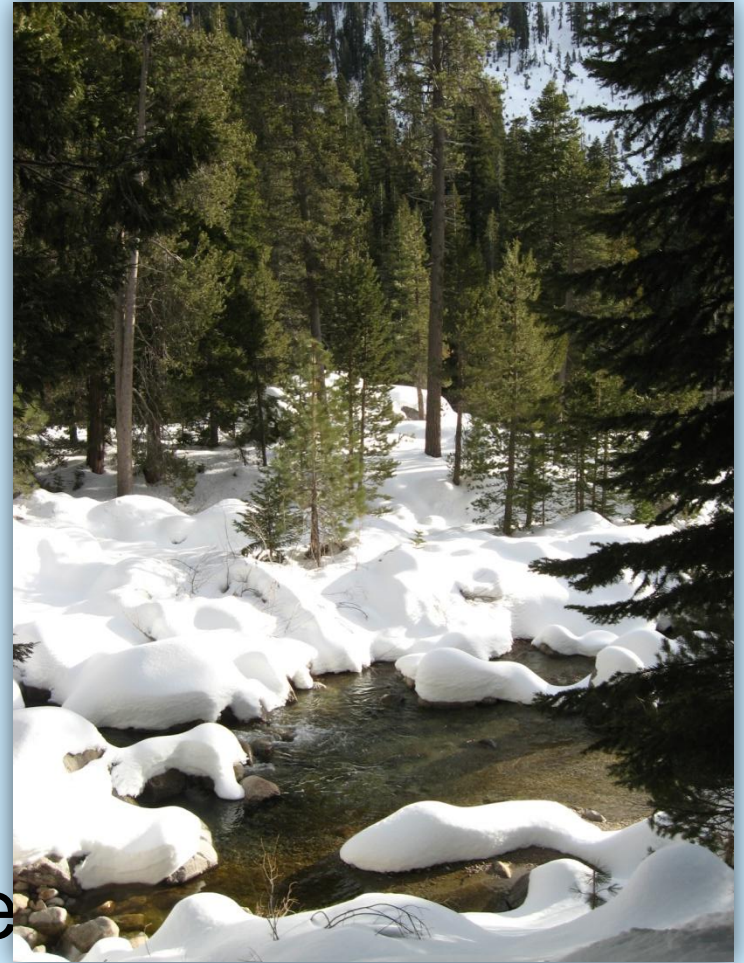
- Launch grant from Sierra Nevada Conservancy
- DWR fully Accepted Region – RAP
- Center for Collaborative Policy facilitation via Sierra Nevada Conservancy





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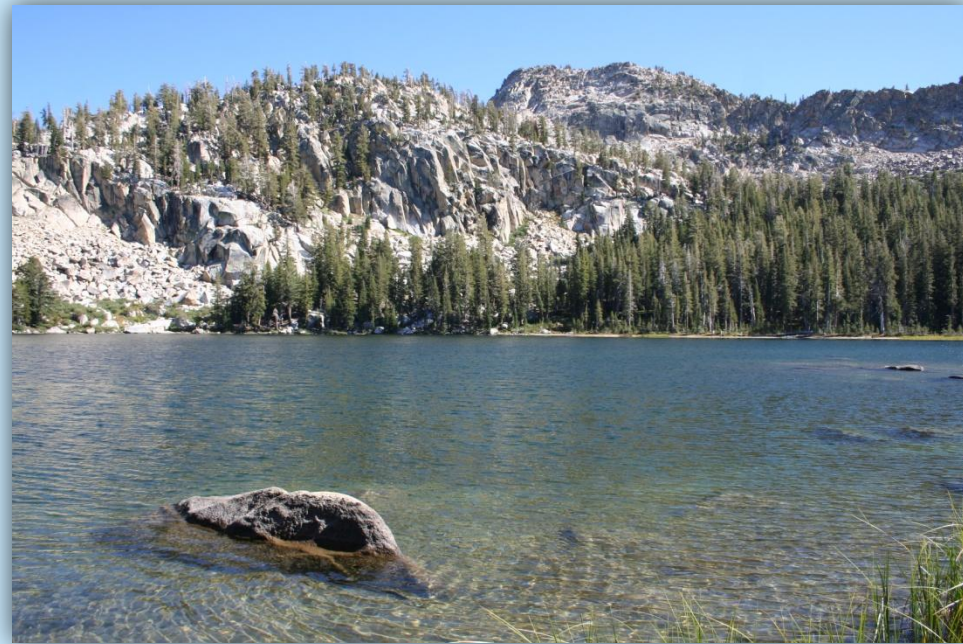
- Compiled comprehensive list of plans and studies
- Public survey, meetings
  - IDed issues
  - goals, objectives
  - Projects
- Compiled 8 -watershed region information database





# Accomplishments

- Facilitation Contract with DWR
- Grant writing assistance from Conservation Strategy Group and Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners



# Challenges

- Large, remote region
  - Logistically challenging
- Severely disadvantaged region
  - Funding
  - Data
  - Planning
  - Capacity of individual stakeholders and stakeholder groups



# Challenges

- Unsuccessful DWR planning grant application
  - Showed need for diverse funding
- Small systems sustainability
- Water availability and quality and land use/development





# Key Lessons Learned

- Need diverse sources of funding
- Work more closely with DWR
  - Data analysis and collection
- Ask more of partners and stakeholder groups
- Recognize capacity limitations
  - individual stakeholders
  - stakeholder groups



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